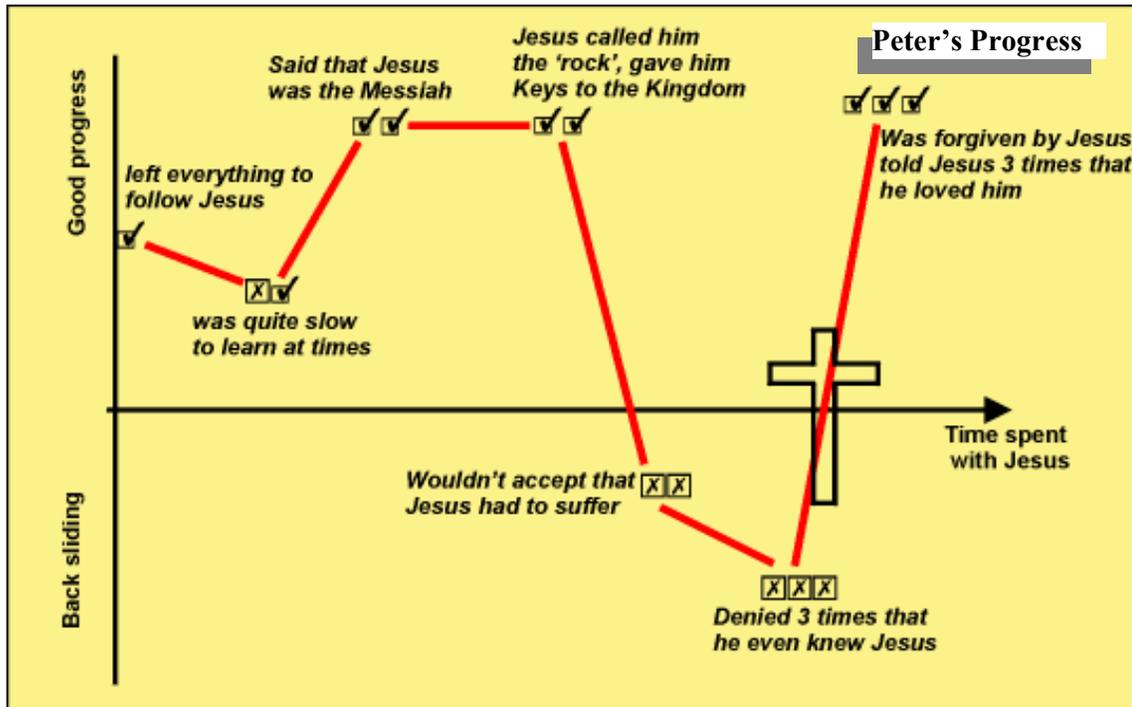


Simon Peter's Progress



To do

- Read the statements below. Rewrite any false statement to make it true. (There is a Bible reference clue for each one.)
 - Simon was called Peter by his parents. (*Clue Mk 3:16-19*)
 - Simon was a fisherman before he was a disciple. (*Clue Lk 5:1-8*)
 - Simon was very quiet and never spoke up when he was with Jesus. (*Clue Mt 14:25-31, Mt 18:21-22*)
 - Simon was one of the three disciples Jesus took with him at special times. (*Clue Mk 5:36-39, Mk 9:2-8*)
 - Simon always understood what Jesus meant. (*Clue Mt 15:13-18*)
 - Simon said that Jesus was the Messiah (Christ). (*Clue Mt 16:13-19*)
 - Simon made a promise to Jesus that he couldn't keep. (*Clue Lk 22:33-34*)
 - Because he let Jesus down Simon was not allowed to continue as leader of the disciples. (*Clue Jn 21:15-17*)

Extension

Imagine that Simon Peter is being examined by lawyers in a court. The court wants to judge whether Peter should still be the leader of the Church. This is what the prosecution lawyers say:

You are the lawyer leading the defence of Peter. Write down your statement to the court.

Your honour, we find the defendant, Simon of Galilee, unfit to be leader of the Church. It's clear to us that he is an unstable character, saying one thing then doing another. He tends to speak first and then think later, the mark of a fool. Early on he admitted to Jesus that he was a sinner. He begged Jesus to leave him. Jesus didn't. What was his reward? To be rejected three times by one he thought was a true friend. How can someone who let Jesus down so badly now be leader of his Church? Your honour, we rest our case.